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# Man survives bear encounter

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

A 30-year-old resident of Haliburton is recovering after an incident that took place on Sunday, Aug. 24 saw him come face to face with a bear.

Thomas (TJ) Wilkinson was at his home on Wonderland Road going about his regular routine when the unexpected happened.

During the evening hours Wilkinson opened the door to let his French bulldog, named Hugo out to go to the bathroom. Shortly after he heard a loud yelp.

"I opened the door and saw that the bear had my dog in his mouth," said Wilkinson.

He turned back towards his house to try and find something to make a loud noise with, but in the span of mere moments the bear turned on him.

"Within the time I turned around to get something the bear was charging at me," he said.

Wilkinson put his arms up to defend himself but said the bear grabbed him and bit his side.

He was able to then break free and get inside the house, as was the dog.

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# Unlike millions of children, Ashline Copeland, 3, will not be going to school this week. Ashline was with mom Caroline Blake and brother Rylan, 5, who were at the playground in Head Lake Park on Friday, Aug. 29. The family from Newmarket was visiting the area, staying with family at the cottage. Darren Lum Staff

# County continues to turn wheels on OPP costs

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

While the provincial government has decided on the new OPP billing model it will bring into effect in 2015, Haliburton County continues to try to find ways to mitigate the financial burden of the new formula and to address the issue of sustainability of policing costs.

Collectively, Haliburton County's OPP

bill will double from approximately \$3.3 million to more than \$6.5 million during the next five years under the formula.

There will be no increase in service.

Redistributing OPP costs on a per house-hold basis throughout the province, the model weights seasonal residences evenly with year-round ones and so is hitting cottage communities hard.

While there is a five-year, phase-in period for the new model, capping the increases in municipalities' bills at \$40 per

property, County Warden Dave Burton reiterated that Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi has indicated there will be no additional mitigation funding for negatively impacted municipalities.

The District of Muskoka, which will also see a drastic increase in its OPP bill, commissioned a study looking at the viability of creating its own force, but treasurer Laura Janke said the conclusion of that study was

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# Bear was acting defensively, not predatory says MNRF

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Wilkinson proceeded to grab the keys to his truck to set of the alarm, hoping the sound would antagonize the animal.

"I then got in my truck and drove myself to the [Haliburton] hospital," he said. The next day he received further treatment in Lindsay

The incident has left Wilkinson with a mark on his stomach that's about three inches wide by six inches long and three and a half inches deep, he said. There are

also scratches along his hip.

Daily dressings to the wounds are being done by medical staff who visit Wilkinson at his home.

"In quite a bit of pain," he said when asked how he's feeling.

His dog is recovering well, says Wilkinson, who realizes the entire incident could have been much worse.

"Obviously there's that fear that you could have [died]," he said. "It's not like I went out there thinking I was going to take on this bear.

A carpenter by day, Wilkinson expects to be off work for a couple of weeks, depending on his recovery time.



It happened so fast ... you hope that it never happens at

— TI Wilkinson

He is grateful for the support of his family, girlfriend and others over the past few

Looking back he doesn't think there is much he could have done differently.

"It happened so fast," he said. "You hope that it never happens at all."

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to the incident, after being contacted by hospital staff, but have since turned the investigation over to the Ministry of Natural



There were indications of the altercation between the bear and dog on the gravel driveway. Damage to the vehicle bumper also occurred.

> — Jolanta Kowalski **MNRF**

Resources and Forestry.

In their investigation, the MNRF is conducting interviews and examining the site where the incident took place, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for MNRF.

There were indications of the altercation between the bear and dog on the gravel driveway, damage to a vehicle bumper also

occurred," she wrote in an email. "A site inspection by staff identified the presence of attractants and evidence that wildlife had made previous visits to the property to forage. Staff visited multiple neighbouring properties, providing advice/suggestions on ways to limit attractants on their property, door hangers including the reporting line phone number and website."

Kowalski said the MNRF is not attempting to locate this bear, since its behaviour was defensive, not predatory.

"Bears will defend themselves in an encounter with a dog (or any other animal) or in an encounter with humans," she wrote. "There were many non-natural attractants in the area including garbage and birdfeeders. The best way to keep bears out of your neighbourhood is to manage anything that is attracting them."

The OPP would like to remind people that bear encounters in Haliburton County are not uncommon and should always be treated with extreme caution.

For more information please visit Ontario.ca/bearwise, or contact the bear reporting line at 1-866-514-2327.







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### On the move

Last Wednesday morning traffic in Haliburton was slowed down by a house being moved from County Road 18 along County Road 1 and County Road 21 (pictured) to Calico Road. The operation had the escort of a convoy that included Hydro One, Bell and the OPP.

**Darren Lum** Staff





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# Re-examining the role of warden



Councillors discuss possibility of having multi- year terms

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Haliburton County council will leave the length of a warden's term at one year, but some members would like to see changes around the selection process and a firmer definition of the role.

County councillors received a report on the warden's term of office from chief administrative officer Jim Wilson during an Aug. 27 meeting.

The warden is the county's top political official, a member of county council chosen by its members to chair meetings and act on behalf of the municipality during interactions with other municipalities and upper levels of government.

County council consists of the reeves and deputy-reeves of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships.

In the county, the warden's term is a year long and, traditionally, the warden for the upcoming year is chosen during a special meeting in December.

"With the upcoming end of this term of county council, it would be appropriate to consider whether any changes to the existing one-year term of office for the county warden should be considered," Wilson's report read. "As the first item of business for the newly elected county council will be the election of a warden, there will be no opportunity for that council to make any changes to the county procedural bylaw with respect to the term of office for the county warden."

Wilson said the current council could decide to set one-year, two-year or fouryear terms for the warden's position and his report highlighted advantages and disadvantages of multi-year terms.

Some advantages included consistency within the role, an opportunity for the warden to become more comfortable with the role and developing and maintaining relationships with other municipalities and senior levels of government.

Disadvantages included balancing ongoing warden's duties with duties as reeve or deputy-reeve, reducing opportunities for other council members to seek the position of warden and difficulty in removing a warden prior to the completion of a multi-year

Council members preferred sticking to one-year terms, but Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt thought the process around the election of the warden should be tightened up or changed.

"There are other municipalities where it's more of an advanced announcement and it's quite a big deal," Moffatt said, explaining members of council who wished to seek the position would put their names forward prior to the day of the vote. "Here we kind of wait until the last meeting."

In Haliburton County, traditionally there is just one name put forward during the meeting to elect the warden, with no nominations coming from the floor.

The name is not made public before the

Moffatt, who served as warden for 2013, said she also thought the terms of reference for the position should be more detailed.

"The expectations are known, but they're only known anecdotally," she said.

Councillors agreed that terms would remain at a year and asked Wilson to research how other municipalities go about the warden election process.

Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey served as warden for 2011 and 2012, Moffatt was warden for 2013 and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton has been warden during 2014.

# Increase food security, reduce poverty

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Increasing food security in Haliburton County will help reduce poverty in the municipality and developing a food charter and action plan could be part of the solu-

County councillors were visited by Mary-Lou Mills of the Kawartha Haliburton Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Peggy Barton-Dyke of United Way Kawartha Lakes during their Aug. 27 meeting.

Their organizations are involved in the joint poverty reduction strategy for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

A lack of access to food is tied to low income and can be exacerbated by unaffordable housing, unaffordable childcare and unaffordable transportation or lack of

"It ties back into a lack of affordable housing," Mills said, explaining when people can't find affordable housing in a town centre, they often seek housing in more rural areas, creating a need for transit.

And many rural communities, such as Haliburton County, lack a public transportation system.

Increasingly, food banks are seeing usage from working people having a difficult time making ends meet.



### I think people have a misconception of what food banks are.

— Peggy Barton-Dyke United Way Kawartha Lakes

In fact, according to stats from Mills and Barton-Dyke, 12 per cent of working people, either in the low-income, or, increasingly, middle-income bracket, are at risk of food insecurity.

Sixty-five per cent of people receiving Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program payments experience food insecurity, 27 per cent in a severe fashion.

Nine per cent of seniors experience food insecurity, as well as 35 per cent of femaleled, lone parent families.

Nearly 60 per cent of children six or younger living in lone-parent households in Haliburton County live in poverty.

Food banks in Haliburton County serve about 270 families a month, with a third of their clients being children.

"I think people have a misconception of what food banks are," Barton-Dyke said, explaining they are there for emergency use only, providing food up to three days a month.

What can be done?

Advocating the provincial and federal levels of government for more formal programming relating to economic development, better salaries, affordable housing and better transportation was one recommendation.

Another was incorporating mixed zoning into planning policies, so that grocery stores can be located close to living areas.

Designating municipal land for public gardens and waiving municipal fees for food security initiatives such as community kitchens was another suggestion.

General support of food programming by municipal governments was also encour-

"A letter from a municipality goes a long way," Barton-Dyke said.

Another recommendation was the creation of a food security charter and action plan for the county.



# Draft plan sees managed trail system on Greens Mountain

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

Following months of planning meetings, public input, research, consultation and brainstorming, residents of Highlands East now have an idea of what managed recreation on Greens Mountain could look like.

A public meeting held on Aug. 25 at the McCausland Memorial Community Centre gave those interested a chance to see the proposed draft recreational management plan for the mountain, which is an area of Crown Land located south of Gooderham.

Facilitated by David Clark of DAC Consulting, the draft plan included input from stakeholders, adjacent landowners, user groups and more.

"We did listen to you and I think you'll see it in the plan," said Clark.

"This plan will be a living document, it will be a document that changes over time."

The management plan, initiated by Highlands East council, is intended to provide economic development for the area and tourism opportunities.

"The mountain is the focal point and it will be a place where people can come," said Clark. "It can be a tourism destination, it can be something people come to, whether you live in the area or whether you're from outside the area ... it's a place where people can interact with nature in a responsible way that is respectful of the envi-

The proposal includes creating a network of managed trails and perhaps a brand for Greens Mountain.

On top of the existing trails, which include approximately 16 kilometres of trail, the proposal suggests creating



**Angelica Blenich Staff** 

Members of the public take a look at the draft recreation management plan proposed for Greens Mountain on Aug. 25 at the McCausland Memorial Community Centre in Gooderham. The draft plan has been developed over the past few months with the help of interest groups and stakeholders, to come up with a system of proposed trails for the area of Crown Land just south of Gooderham.

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84.6 kilometres of new trail.

Clark estimates it would cost \$241,500 to create new trails and \$41,500 to refurbish the exist-

The creation of a trail system would be dependent on approval from the MNR, said

The draft plan emphasizes there is to be no financial impact on the municipal tax levy, instead looking for funding through grant opportunities, donations, volunteers and other

Operations could be sustained through fees, charges, grants and perhaps corporate support.

The plan suggests a board and sub-committees should handle governance, focused on business development, program development and site development.

The municipality and the MNR would provide oversight to the governance structure.

Ken Hoeverman, founder of Happy Trails Construction, through satellite imagery and other tools, conducted analysis of the existing trails and potential trails.

Through on-site assessments, Hoeverman scoped out opportunities and found the terrain closest to the mountain was most suitable for new trails, while the perimeter area was not cost



There is an opportunity here, the vision is big, the vision is complete and the vision is absolutely achievable.

> — David Clark Project consultant

The plan was developed in conjunction with Ministry of Natural Resources policies and was community driven, said Clark.

It is intended to include a framework around education, special events, interest specific events like nature workshops and experiential learning.

'Those are things that came up in the workshops," said Clark. "Multi-use, multiple activities, education, recreation, motor, non-motor. All those things came up."

The plan is broken down into stages of development, with the first few years focused on new trail planning, signage and the creation of hiking

Overall the plan includes 29 recommendations and five goals.

First steps include council endorsement, a business plan, meeting with the MNR, land use permit applications, the appointment of a board of directors and discussions with interest groups.

Clark is optimistic about the proposal and what it could mean for Greens Mountain.

There is an opportunity here, the vision is big, the vision is complete and the vision is absolutely achievable," he said. "People are interested in this site."

Some of those in attendance wondered why a management plan for Greens Mountain was considered by Highlands East council.

'Because historically Greens Mountain has been a problem point between the MNR, Highland East and landowners," said Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton.

When asked how it impacted Highland East, Barton said the municipality was on the receiving end of complaints and had to provide emergency services for the area.

Another participant asked if Greens Mountain could not be kept the way it is, however others believed this plan was being driven by the MNR.

'The MNR are saying status quo is not acceptable anymore," said Alan Fennell of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. "This is our chance to have a say in how it changes."

The draft plan will be presented to Highlands East council at their Sept. 16 meeting.

# Contractor making good on road

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Early last week a recently finished section of Watts Road in front of Calgary Drive was at the heart of deliberation between the Dysart Roads department and a local landscaping company.

The problem started when a small section of the five kilometres of road was damaged during the unloading and transporting of several slabs of stone, primarily by a "skidsteer" vehicle used by employees of Black Rock Landscapes.

A day before, the road was completed by Duncor Enterprises (a township contracted company) with a technique called double surface treatment, which is when a sandwich of a pair of (tar and stone) layers are laid down. The "curing" process for the road depends on the normal flow of traffic, as it creates a compression of the materials. This takes close to two days depending on traffic.

The skid-steer's action of lifting up the stone, combined with its turning and twisting compromised the integrity of the road and left the road broken, unable to complete its curing, said Duncor' Enterprise's site supervisor Peter Howe.

Dysart township roads superintendent Brian Nicholson and assistant roads superintendent Rob Camelon were frustrated by the state of the area, but thankful they saw it to resolve the issue and prevent further damage in the case of a weakened road. It could have easily warranted repairs for potholes, Camelon added.

Camelon said if the Duncor crew had left the area, the logistical challenge would have been far greater to call everyone back

Although Black Rock owner Don Woudstra said the entire incident was overblown, he sent a message on Friday morning to Nicholson agreeing to have the \$979.94 (including HST) invoice for the repair of the 25 metre x 6.4 metre area sent to him.

Nicholson is happy at this response, believing the Black Rock owner will pay for the damages.

"That's great news. Like I say, there are great guys out there, great companies," he said. "They made an error and are coming good for it. But it did cost them money to fix

Before this message, Woudstra defended himself, believing there wasn't any communication to him about a problem and said he was unaware there were any restrictions on the road, even saying the damaged

area was far smaller, the initial estimate of \$2,000 too high -saying Duncor in general is gouging the township – and disagreed with the characterization of the road, calling it a "gravel road."

Although the roads department said there was signage for the start and finish of road construction in the area, Woudstra contends he wasn't aware of the specifics and any restrictions related to his operation at a residence on Calgary Drive.

"We didn't know that we weren't allowed to do normal operations, which happens everywhere in this county. Everywhere in this county every single company does the exact same thing we do," Woudstra said. "There's not one truck company, one excavator company that does not unload their equipment on the road. If we were not allowed to do that - by the way we were working there for two weeks prior to doing this - if we were not allowed to do anything there is nothing posted, nothing on the road saying you can not do this on this road."

Woudstra felt some warning about not being able to use a skid-steer on the road could have helped him.

As far as Nicholson is concerned the construction aspect doesn't have any bearing on the matter.

"The construction aspect is irrelevant. It's the putting materials on public property on a roadway [that is the issue]," he said. "Unless you're working on behalf the municipality you don't have any rights to be offloading materials on a public roadway."

Nicholson asked the OPP to investigate, as the travelled portion of the road was partially obstructed with the stacks of stone and then left damaged. Without "intent" no charges were laid, the OPP told him.

He believes this kind of scenario can be avoided in the future if common sense is

There will be an additional surface added in two to three years, resembling what is at the start of Watts Road or what is seen in the Village of Haliburton.

Nicholson characterizes the surface as an "industrial driveway sealer" that acts as a preventative measure against degradation.

Prior to communication between Nicholson and Woudstra, Nicholson was upset, but recognized that mistakes do happen.

"We have a ton of good contractors. People make mistakes we understand that. We're hoping when they do make those mistakes they [pay] for them," he said.

This was some of the damage that Brian Nicholson and Rob Camelon of Dysart Township were frustrated about before it was raked by employees Landscapes. Submitted by Rob Camelon.





Duncor Enterprises supervisor Peter Howe shows how an area on Watts Road was compromised by a local landscaper's skid-steer before the "curing" process to a newly finished five kilometre section was complete. Although the road resembles a gravel road, the roads department said the double surface treatment technique that was applied (once it is cured) leaves behind a road that is "literally asphalt." Owner of Black Rock Don Woudstra by last Friday agreed to accept the invoice for repairs.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

# Weather or not

N HALIBURTON COUNTY it's a topic we like to bring up often. Whether it be March, September, July or December, there is no month that escapes the nature of the weather.

Yup, the weather. There is something so distinctly Canadian about talking

about the weather. Harsh winters, big snowstorms, rainy springs, floods, washouts, humidity, polar vortex, hail, fog and overcast.

If you're a Canadian, chances are all of these words are a part of your vocabulary on a regular basis.

This summer was no different.

After a particularly harsh winter, we endured a late spring

only to be greeted by a wet summer. Yes, it sure seemed like Mother Nature had it in for us this year.

And it's not over yet.

While rumblings of another cold winter are making their way through town faster than a bad rumour, we are just entering into our first week of September.

Leave it to us Canadians to be optimistic about the weather.

Many events this past summer fell victim to the climate and rain, even resulting in a late crop of Ontario produce for local farmers.

On more than one occasion I watched as vendors at the Haliburton farmers market set up for the to batten down the hatches while fierce winds and water took over the

One vendor even shared that the weather had wreaked so much havoc on his tent he had to purchase a new one the following week.

Yet there he was, shaded by his new tent, selling his delicious offerings to all those who strolled by.

And let's not forget the fortitude of the inaugural Music in the Park series hosted this

year by the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Under the majestic beams of wood that make up the new bandshell musicians would gather to play some tunes and strum their instruments for all those gathered in the park.

However so to would the dark clouds gather, almost always arriving in time to the music.

But the music lived on and as a result the Rotary Club achieved

a successful start to what hopefully becomes an annual tradition.

Yes the rain sure showed up this summer and was arguably one of the most loyal tourists the Haliburton Highlands has ever seen.

And it didn't play favourites either, unlike last year when Mother Nature seemed to have it out for Minden.

No this year she spread her good fortune around, washing out roads across the county and putting a damper on everyone's parade, except for Matt Duchene's.

So as we look ahead to the fall, one of the most beautiful seasons in the Highlands, lets hope all that rain results in the most vibrant coloured leaves we have ever seen.

Because otherwise we Canadians won't have anything left to talk about.

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**Calm Kennisis** 

by Darren Lum

# **Pool problems**

**Chad Ingram** 

Reporter

ROUND ELECTION TIME in Haliburton County, the concept of an indoor public swimming pool always seems to float to the surface.

And a modern rec facility complete with swimming pool would be a wonderful asset for the community, no doubt.

However, there is not enough municipal money – neither at the county level, lower-tier level, nor a combination of the two - to sustain a public pool.

The Community Swimming Pool Initiative, a group of local pool advocates, has said the facility it is envisioning would cost between \$10 and \$12 million to build.

That money would have to come from a combination of provincial and federal grants, fundraising or private contributions, because it sure won't be coming from the county.

While the upper-tier is currently debt-free, it won't be for long.

The county is on the cusp of a major debenture to pay for a new EMS facility on Highway 35 in Minden.

It's estimated that project will cost \$1.2 million, plus HST.

As has been reported on extensively in this publication, beginning in 2015, the county's four townships are going to get hammered by the province's new OPP billing formula.

It's anticipated their collective policing bill of \$3.3 million will double during the next live years.

In Dysart et al, next year's increase is expected to amount to about \$313,000, with similar increases in succeeding

In Minden Hills, the councillor who heads the township's finance committee has said he expects the township will require a 4.5 per tax increase during each of the next four years in order to afford its

In Algonquin Highlands, Reeve Carol Moffatt has hinted numerous times that the ramifications of the OPP billing increase may be reduced services and said that new or non-essential projects may be deferred indefinitely.

Earlier this month, the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus released an economic development strategy that likely still has some politicians and treasurers in this part of the province curled up in the fetal position.

I'd suggest anyone who thinks the

county can afford a pool give it a read.

The cost for the maintenance and replacement of aging infrastructure is going to be crippling and with Ontario 's debt around \$280 billion - that's with a "b" everybody - local governments can expect less and less help from above.

The county cannot afford to construct a pool facility, nor can it afford to pay for what would be ongoing maintenance costs of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

A facility similar to the one pool advocates would

like to construct in Petrolia, Ont., costs about \$700,000 a year to operate.

Any facility in the county would have to rely on fees and non-municipal financial streams for its operation.

During the next couple of months, up until the Oct. 27 elections, there will be lots of talk about a pool and some candidates will use it as a wedge issue to garner votes

I've had the pleasure of sitting through nundreds upon hundreds of hours of municipal meetings in Haliburton County during the past six years.

I can feel your envy.

Anyone who thinks the county or its lower tiers can afford such a facility is out of touch with the economic realities of this community.

I'd encourage anyone who doesn't believe me to attend the budget meetings of the four lower-tier townships as well as the county this winter.



No wonder Tuesdays were later coined Tornado Tuesdays.



**Angelica Blenich** Staff

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# points of view

# The road to recovery

ARLIER THIS WEEK, I was trout fishing in fast water on the Grand River, near Fergus, with my buddy Erik. Trout fishing, fast water, Erik – any two of these factors is enough to increase the potential for me taking a soaking. But put all three together and, typically, it's a certainty. Surprisingly, however, it did not.

There was one moment when it could have gone either way though. There we were nymph fishing for suckers when I took a step to the side, found a hole in the river bottom covered with a mossy slime that the felt soles of my wading boots didn't much like. Before I knew it, I was well on my way to lying down in 2 feet of fast water.

But, as I said, it didn't happen.

You see, just as I hit the 75 degree mark, my rigid body, trained by years of unintentional soakings, stopped cold, defied gravity and then righted itself. Think of a kid's punching bag and you'll

get the picture.



Steve Galea Loon Tales

I resumed fishing, as if nothing happened at all, while Erik stood there slackjawed and, quite frankly, disappointed – which is what makes him such a good fishing buddy.

"I thought you were going subsurface for sure," he said. "I have never seen anyone recover like that."

Evidently, Erik was unaware of my talent for recovery.

You see, over the years I have elevated the act of recovery to a high art form by melding science, yoga, gymnastics, and pure abject terror into one potent anti-falling technique. It also helps that I don't believe in gravity. In fact, until I can see it for myself, I'll remain skeptical.

Admittedly, my low centre of gravity helped too. But I'd also like to think that my recovery had much to do with my calm, almost serene mental demeanour that took over during the actual fall process. In essence, I was on autopilot.

Even so, I clearly recall thinking, "Remember Steve, when you go underwater, have a good look around for the aquatic insects; maybe it will give you a hint what the trout are feeding on. Oh, and while you are at it, have a closer look at the rocks and other cover and try to make mental notes of how best to fish them. And, for the love of God, don't kiss another sucker."

These were but a few of the thoughts racing through my head as I hurtled toward certain and complete wetness. Incredibly, however, when the back of my head was a mere three inches from the water's surface, another thought occurred to me.

"David Lee Roth was a way better front man for Van Halen than Sammy Hagar," I thought.

And right after that, I put on the brakes and practically levitated to an upright casting position, once again. And, as I was rising, I thought to myself, "I just wish all those guys who made fun of my limbo practice could see me now."

"How the heck did you do that?" Erik said later. "That was physically impossible..."

Erik is younger than me and less experienced in the outdoors or he wouldn't have said this. For, as any experienced outdoorsman who has laid down in a sleeping bag with a snake in it knows, this, and more, is possible. All you need is the proper motivation

The good news is I caught another sucker on a size 16 pheasant tail nymph shortly afterwards. Oh, and more three chub on elk hair caddises, which made it one of my more successful trout fishing excursions this year. The bad news, for Erik at least, is that he wanted me to teach him my recovery tactics.

So later, in the parking lot, I had him limbo under my fly rod for 10 minutes.

### letters to the editor

### Pool would require ongoing funds

To the Editor,

I would love a new community recreational centre including a pool.

I have some concerns.

What would be the initial capital budget for the facility?

Supposing that such a figure can be funded (that is another issue), how, once you have started, do you ensure it comes in on budget? It is a fact that many capital projects do not come in on budget and for many reasons. The goal is often missed by 50 to 100 per cent. Once on the hook the municipality cannot stop. It is a real trap. This also affects the funding program. Where would the capital for overruns come from? Where is the best location?

Suppose it is built.

Now the ongoing maintenance and running costs have to be looked to. Without exhausting all that would be involved this would include:

- maintenance (usually five to 10 per cent annually of the capital cost either paid in each year or set aside in fund)

- a manager (becoming a municipal employee with all benefits)
  - maintenance staff (again municipal employees) - operating staff (again municipal employees)
  - meeting all provincial operating procedures

and protocols and the required record keeping and reporting

- increased municipal liability insurance costs

How do we pay for this? Will user fees cover it? Will there be an increase in taxes by special levy? It is not covered in the normal taxes as they are based on MPAC assessment value of the properties in the township and a recreation centre with a pool does not increase the assessed value of your home, cottage or commercial property.

Will the operation costs of such a facility cover itself in fees to those who use the same? What would the fees have to be? How many continuing users will there have to be? Will they pay the fees? Will those users be continuous over the life of the facility? When the facility is outdated how do we fund a renewal?

Would private enterprise build this? I think not. There is no guarantee of profit nor even a break even return. Why then should a municipality proceed? The gamble is far too great. I'm from Missouri. "Show me."

It starts with "P", it rhymes with "T" and it stands for ''trouble" right here in the ''River City" of Haliburton

David M. Bishop Haliburton

### **Democracy alive and well in Haliburton**

To the Editor,

I'm sure we all recognize how vibrant our elections have become in the Haliburton Highlands.

We should be proud that there are so many well-contested races and some great candidates for many of the offices being contested.

I congratulate all the candidates who are so willing to put their names on the ballot.

The races for reeve, deputy-reeve and ward councillors, particularly in Dysart et al and Minden Hills, are particularly exciting.

Isn't it a great sign of a healthy community that we have such great citizens willing to give their best for us.

Jim Frost Haliburton

### MACA pitches in for food bank

On Saturday August 23rd the Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA), held it's Annual Members Wine & Cheese.

The sky wasn't blue, we had sprinkles of rain, but that didn't stop our members from attending.

For the last four years we have asked attendees to help the Haliburton Community and bring along a donation for the Haliburton Foodbank.

Well, our members did

and with everything from soup to nuts the delivery was made on Monday, August 26. Along with all the food goods, grocery cards and money (\$145.00) were also delivered. The MACA directors want to it's members and they urge other "Cottage" Associations to challenge their members too!

Submitted by, Phyllis McCulloch membership director



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# Naqvi defends new OPP billing model

To the Editor,

The development of the OPP's new billing was guided by three principles: fairness for all municipalities, equitable distribution of policing costs among all communities served by the OPP, and easy to understand bills so municipalities like Haliburton know exactly the types of calls for service they are paying for – allowing them to better direct crime prevention resources to save money and keep their communities safe.

The old model, unfortunately, was none of those things. It was introduced almost 17 years ago and had not been updated since

It was a system that resulted in similar municipalities paying vastly different amounts for police service. In fact, some municipalities were paying less than \$10 a year per household while others were paying more than \$800.

We heard from municipalities who knew it was not fair, and

we were told by the Auditor General that the current model was not fair, that the bills were unclear, and that it needed to change.

The new model is more fair, more transparent and more equitable - eliminating the huge differences municipalities were paying for policing by more equitably redistributing costs and provides municipalities with data so they can better understand the types of calls in their community and direct crime prevention strategies.

The process of developing the new model did not happen overnight.

It was more than two years in the making and is a testament to the real action that can be achieved through constructive feedback and dialogue.

The government held consultation sessions with 229 municipalities, received advice from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) OPP Billing Steering Committee, and I personally met with Haliburton County representatives in May and

again in July to discuss the billing model.

The new model reflects the feedback and input we received from Haliburton County and others.

It now includes industrial and commercial properties in the new formula. Including a seasonal property discount, however, would go against the principle of fairness at the heart of the new billing model and like other municipal services, such as water and garbage collection, policing is a year round service for both people and property.

We have worked hard with our municipal and policing partners to develop a new OPP model.

It is a fair approach. It is responsive approach. It is an equitable approach. And it is a transparent and responsible approach.

Yasir Naqvi Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

# Number of items funded based on permanent population

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that a local force was not feasible.

Earlier this year, the county and Muskoka attained data from MPAC that Janke used to run alternative model options and the treasurer said she and the director of finance for Muskoka have been discussing if there are other ways that data may be used.

Janke pointed out that when municipalities receive funding from upper levels of government, it is based on permanent population and suggested that if seasonal residents were going to be included in OPP billing, perhaps they should also be included when the county received its gas tax rebate from the federal government.

"A number of things are funded based on permanent population," she said. "Our wheels are still turning as to what else we could possibly do."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he wanted the county to look into the OPP's boat program to see if municipalities were being charged extra, per day fees for having the county's singular police boat visit them.

The new model will divide policing bills 60/40 – 60 per cent for fixed, base costs that will amount to \$203 per household, and 40 per cent based on per call service.

Fearrey said he'd like to see what kind of calls local officers are getting during the increased call period of the summer and if they are more serious in nature.

"I'd like to see how serious the difference is," Fearrey said.

"To me, that's critical."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said she'd previously tried to attain such data but that the OPP said it was difficult to break down the types of calls since they overlap – a call about an assault could simultaneously be a call about a drug crime.

The new model is to include a new categorization system and more detailed accounting of the types of calls OPP officers are getting, so that municipalities can better plan for and achieve crime and call reduction.

"Sustainability is the other issue," Moffatt said, referring to the ever-increasing cost of policing. "Are we going to do something with that?"

Burton said he believed a committee on the sustainability of OPP costs was being put together through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and that the county or its townships should try to land a spot on that committee.

Salaries, benefits and overtime make up 85 per cent of OPP costs. OPP officers received an 8.55 per cent salary increase in 2014.



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# From Hong Kong to Haliburton: Remembering Kalie Ma

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

Kalie Ma loved to go ice fishing.

The 33-year-old resident of Haliburton was always up for adventure, whether it was trying outdoor activities, new foods or learning a foreign language.

There wasn't much Ma wasn't excited to experience.

To the end her life was filled with wonder, family and friends, to whom she brought a ray of sunshine and lots of

Born as Pik Kwan on April 29 in Hong Kong, Ma was raised by her grandparents, her grandfather still alive to this

Approximately 10 years ago the young woman met Haliburton couple Richard and Sally Biagi on the Internet and the couple instantly connected with Ma.

"We made friends and that went to phone calls and then we invited her to come over for a visit," said Sally. "She came three times, once for two weeks, once for six weeks and then she came for three months."

After getting to know Ma, the couple, who were living in Toronto at the time, helped her emigrate to Canada, where she worked for the Biagi's family construction business.

She enjoyed the work very much, learning quickly and taking a meticulous approach to all her tasks, said Richard.

"We just fell in love with her," said Sally. "She was a young

lady but a child in so many ways."

About six years later the couple decided to relocate back to Haliburton and Ma was more than agreeable to the change

Settling into the area proved to be a bit more difficult, as jobs were hard to come by. But that didn't discourage Ma, who looked at other opportunities to get involved in the community.

"She loved Haliburton," said Sally. "She liked the small town because she could meet people."

Ma began volunteering with Community Care Haliburton County, helping with the Wii bowling program at the drop-in centre for seniors. She also helped with the Meals on Wheels program.

It was a great fit for the young lady, who was eventually offered a three-month contract with the organization to help with the annual Scotty Morrisson Charity Hockey Tournament.

"She did an amazing job," said Sally. "She enjoyed that ... they had asked her to do it again

It was through the volunteering and the job that Ma met Hilary Elia, who was also working for Community Care at the time.

The two instantly connected and the rest, as they say, is history.

"My introduction to Kalie Ma was one of instant friendship and trust, she asked me to call her chopstick...I remember smiling at her and saying we are in Canada, we simply can't do that!" wrote Elia in an email to the *Echo*. "There we were, in my office bonded from the start."

Over the next few years Elia and Ma become close friends, sharing stories about life in Hong Kong and the U.K., bonding over meals together and working side by side on the hockey tourna-

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Haliburton resident Kalie Ma loved the winters in Canada, her home for the past 10 years. Ma moved to the country from Hong Kong and learned many new and exciting things in Haliburton, where she lived with Richard and Sally Biagi. The 33-year-old passed away earlier this month. /Photo submitted

# Ma loved small community of Haliburton, friends and family

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She was like a daughter to us.

— Sally Biagi

### Thank you Pik Kwan for being my friend, it was my honour to be yours.

— Hilary Elia

"When one meets a friend in life with such a deep and authentic connection, neither time nor the busyness of life gets in the way. You simply pick up where you left off," Elia said about her friend.

Over time Elia and Ma found both of themselves in new career positions, again working together and giggling side

'Kalie would marvel at how excited I was to learn something new every day, she said I was her mentor and best friend, we had many serious conversations about life and many not so serious," said Elia.

For the Biagis there were many not so serious moments with Ma, who loved to laugh and cook with them, always insisting their meals be filled with vegetables.

She was insistent on getting her driver's license, passing with "flying colours."

It was the little things that got Ma excited, including movie trips with friends to Peterborough, or redecorating her bedroom.

And sometimes it was the pleasure of being in the company of others, or with her beloved cat Panda.

'Someone was moving from town and put an ad in the paper, cat free to a good home," said Sally. "Well, Kalie fell in love with the cat right away."

"She took good care of the cat," said Richard.

The three had plans for the future, including trips all over Ontario, which was something they all loved to do.

Ma would affectionately call Richard grandpapa and Sally was known as granny.

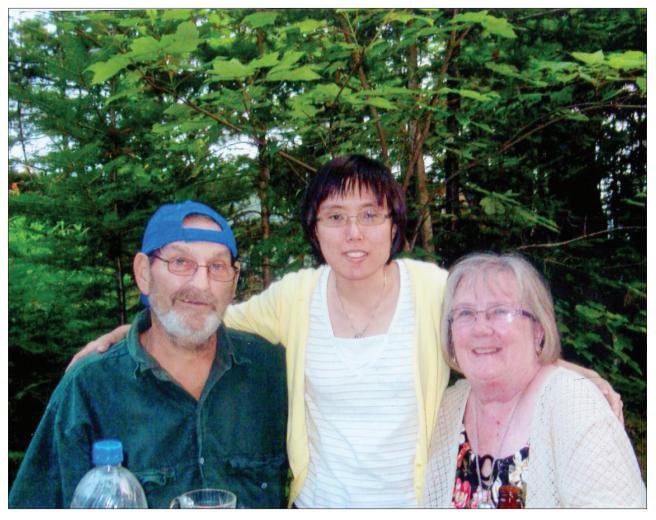
"She was like a daughter to us," said Sally. "She liked to take care of us and do things for us."

However times weren't always cheery for the young woman, who battled issues with self-esteem and bouts of depression.

Sometimes she would simply need a hug, or a reminder of how much she was loved, said Sally.

On Aug. 13 Ma said goodnight to Sally and Richard like

The following day a search for Ma began, after the OPP was notified she was missing. On Aug. 15 the family received the worst possible news.



Kalie Ma, centre, was part of the family after Richard and Sally Biagi took her in when she moved to Canada from Hong Kong 10 years ago. The Haliburton couple and Ma moved back to the Highlands about four years ago and Ma quickly became a part of the community, volunteering at Community Care, among other things. Ma passed away earlier this month. This photo, taken on Aug. 2, was the last picture taken of Ma with the Biagis. /Photo submitted

The family asks that everyone educate themselves on all aspects of depression as it could save the life of a loved one.

The days following have been a tough road for the couple and all those who were close to Ma.

"It's a nightmare that never ends," said Richard.

"Everywhere you go there are reminders of her," said

For the Biagis the community of support has been a tremendous help, as has the company of family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Sept. 6, providing those with the opportunity who knew Ma to reflect on her short but meaningful life

For both the Biagis and Elia, it's a day that's come far too

"Kalie's passing is a tragedy and indeed given me a sadness that runs so very deep, however, as I reflect on our time with each other, I have to smile and feel so very fortunate that a kid from Hong Kong and a kid from the UK ever had that chance to cross paths in Haliburton," wrote Elia.

"Thank you Pik Kwan for being my friend, it was my honour to be yours. You have changed my life and I hope that I was able to change yours."

The Biagis will always remember Ma as a loving woman who made an impression on people.

"I think she brought something special to everyone's lives, but it was her love I'll remember most. She loved everybody," said Sally.

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### 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



# the questions:

- Why have you decided to run for council?
- What is your vision of recreation for your municipality? Does that include a pool either at the municipal level or the county level?
- Are you content with the changes recently announced to the OPP billing model? If not, what do you think municipal councils should do next? If you are content with the changes, explain why.
- What can be done to reduce poverty of citizens of your municipality?
- How can we grow the local economy and provide more jobs for people?
- What do you see as the most pressing concern(s) in your municipality?
- 7. Define transparency and accountability as they relate to municipal governance and how they are achieved.
- What could be done to avoid issues between the construction industry and the building department?

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## the answers:

### Name:

Steven Kauffeldt

### **Running for:**

Councillor Ward 1

- 1. The last four years have brought a lot of changes to the municipality some good some bad. There are projects that need to be completed and there are things that I have started and they need to be finished.
- Our municipality already has a pool, and technically so does the county and we don't need another one. The pool is located in Highlands East, in the wonderful community of Cardiff. Perhaps if the county is serious about getting

a pool and indoor pool and perhaps the county would like to enter into some sort of negotiation with Highlands East to help them close the pool we have and make it a facility that everyone can use. The location of Cardiff makes it perfect as it is halfway between the populations of Halliburton Village and Bancroft. With the county's help and the other municipalities we may even be able to offer some sort of fitness facility or indoor facility. Why should the taxpayers have to pay for a brand-new pool to be built when one already exists. Building another pool would be extremely wasteful. Our municipalities spent the last four years upgrading many of our recreational facilities including the shuffleboard courts and the ice pads in Gooderham and Cardiff and a new chiller on the arena and Wilberforce.

We also have a wonderful trails program which is in its infancy, if allowed to grow it will eventually connect the

> four corners of the Municipality together.

The OPP cost is a tricky one because Highlands East is actually serviced by two OPP detachment's the East is serviced by Bancroft and the west by Minden Hills. I can only assume that the costs will be equal between the two detachments. Pleasing policing costs on seasonal properties who are not here year round seems unfair to me but the permanent residents of the municipality shouldn't have to pay more with no increase to ser-

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- vice. It's hard enough to get the OPP out to our areas as it is. Hopefully there will be some kind of help with our costs if they are going to implement their model.
- 4. Keeping costs down for families is key in my eyes. There are so many wonderful organizations that are on the front lines of the fight like Places 4 People (who provide affordable housing to our residents) and the food banks, they all play a vital role. Jobs are key shopping local will help. Expanding transit in Highlands East will help people get around better. Partnering with Bct in Bancroft and creating east west transit corridors could move the populations between Haliburton and Bancroft. Municipal and county support for these organizations would go along way to keeping them helping people.
- 5. Entrepreneurs, home based business and tourism are a great start, they can provide many jobs but most are seasonal. In my opinion people need to get their heads around the idea that we need to have some light industrial in the area we have to get to the balancing point between working and relaxing. I am not talking about heavy industry and mining but there may be other options that would work for us and keep our young people here. There are some great opportunities coming in the near future in regards to heritage, minerals and day tripping in the area. We desperately need to increase the amount of accommodations in the area for Highlands East that area could be a major source of employment in the near future.
- 6. The most pressing concern for the municipality is the gap between the east and west how do you bring the people of Paudash Lake, Cardiff and Dyno together with Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce and Highland Grove. There is such a profound disconnect between them and although I think the gap is smaller than it has been in the past, we still have a long way to go.
- 7. I think that our municipal government and our current council are quite transparent. Unfortunately the public doesn't always have the true story and rumours take off. A councillor needs to be available to talk with people when they have concerns, this increases transparency. Accountability is a tricky one because different people will find different levels of accountability acceptable. For example some will want to know where every dime was spent and others will be more concerned with the bottom line.
- 8. Some people in a municipality have struggled with the building department in the past four years or longer. Construction could be one of the leading economic drivers in our area, so having speedy turnaround times on permits and inspections is important, but also to be organized. I've been through the building process in Highlands East twice in the last four years and Haven't had many issues. We need to investigate people's complaints and make sure the system is running smoothly for everyone.

Name:

Cam McKenzie

**Running for:** 

Councillor Ward 1

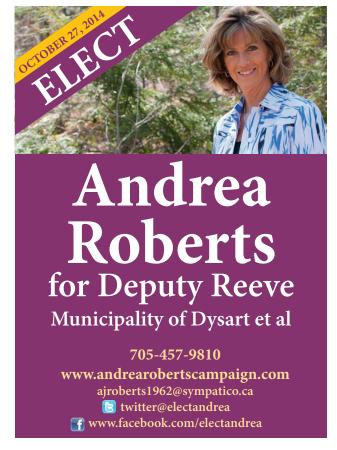
- 1. My wife and I are long time (45yrs) residents of our community (Cardiff). We have seen a lot of changes over that time frame. Change will continue and I want to make sure (as much as possible) that those changes reflect what this communities residents feel are most important to them. Strong representation on municipal council is one way to achieve that goal.
  - While new to politics I am not new to government. I worked for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for 37 years. I served as an officer in Canadian Armed Forces Reserve for 15 years with the Haliburton Cadet Corps and have been a volunteer firefighter here in Cardiff since 1978.
  - I am looking forward to a new challenge.
- Cardiff already has an outdoor pool which provides swimming lessons, open swim sessions and time periods set aside for adults only. We have an outdoor rink which is available for both hockey and public skating. It is maintained by both municipal staff and volunteers.

- Some form of organized sports for children would be a great addition to what we now have available. We have an excellent ball diamond which receives limited use and certainly could be used for soccer.
- 3. I don't think that any municipality that has had an increase in policing costs is content with the change. From what I have read in the media it appears that it is a "done deal" at least for now. Obviously those municipalities whose costs have been reduced must be happy with the new costing formula. Total costs for policing are escalating to the point that they may become the largest component of some municipal budgets. Continued lobbying by municipalities and public pressure is one way to keep the issue alive.
- 4. One simple answer would be better paying jobs! If the solution was that easy it would have been done by every Municipality years ago. This topic is addressed in question # 6
  - Rising energy costs have had a major impact on everyone particularly those with low and fixed incomes. Once again other than lobbying at the municipal level and public pressure with higher levels of government it is difficult to make a change in energy prices.
  - Lower or non escalating municipal taxes would have a positive affect.
- Once again there is no simple answer or it would have worked years ago.
  - Our municipality already has an economic development committee in place. Offering tax breaks to new business might be an option. Lower tax rates than competing municipalities is always a strong selling point. Sell the strong points of our municipality- economical housing, good recreation facilities, lots of natural beauty and potential employee pool looking for meaningful and rewarding employment opportunities. There maybe nowhere else in Southern/Central Ontario where you can buy a comfortable three bedroom home on a serviced lot for around a hundred thousand dollars!
- 6. My most processing concern is recruitment for Fire Hall 1 in Cardiff. Five years ago we had 14 firefighters on staff. Today we have eight and two of those are going to retire in the near future. Only one new currently active member has been recruited in that same five year period. We have had occasions when only one member has been available from Station 1 to respond. Thankfully Station 6 is dispatched at the same time but I would consider it understaffed as well. Money in the budget to train these new recruits must also be made available.
- 7. Transparency in government is the right and means to examine the decision making process. This would include both public and me-

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- dia. Council meetings are of course open to the public. Our municipality has several committees which provide a window for the public to have input to council in various areas of interest
- Accountability is the acknowledgement and assumption of responsibility for actions and decisions. Politicians should make themselves available at reasonable times to answer questions from the public. Election day is the ultimate time of accountability for politicians.
- 8. As a retired civil servant whose job duties had a compliance/enforcement component I recognize and support the following of rules and regulations. But all municipal employees should remember that they are public servants and part of their duties is to serve their clients to the best of their ability. Quite often in dealing with the public your method of dealing with the client can be as important as the end result. In my mind it should be simple. Civil/public servants are there to serve the public.

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# Dinning in the Highlands (





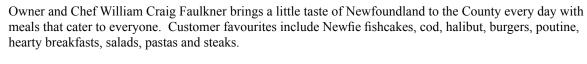
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Easy year round access. Comes furnished!

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· Amenities at this cottage community incl;

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• Great property with original 1940's cabin + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitcher • Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!



Year round ctge/home on Echo Bay • 151' of hard sand beach, with rock outcrops 3 bdrms, brick FP, custom kitchen, whirlpool tub West exp. and excellent privacy Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



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 Location, Location! · Level building lot surrounded by trees

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Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlock

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198 feet waterfront

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· Comfy cabin to use while you build

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Just over 2 acres on prestigious Drag Lake

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Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

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. Two prime building lots north of Minden • easy access from highway; driveways in • \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres; . HST in addition. Commercial use possible Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp Open concept, pine vaulted ceilings, stone FP . Master ensuite, walk-in closet & w/o to deck
- 480 sq ft Bunkie, great privacy, no motor lake Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



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Name: Adam Szelei **Running for:** Councillor Ward 2

- To make a difference in Highlands East. I am a volunteer firefighter in Highlands East and I am there for my community when they need me the most. However, I can make even more of a difference in Highlands East if I run for council as well. Highlands East needs to move forward, not stay the same or regress. Times are changing and we need to change with them. I am going to offer a new fresh perspective to council and Highlands East.
- I would like to create a more exciting Highlands East, with more things to see and do. Many of people I've spoken with, travel to Peterborough or Belleville to shop and spend a day, but they should want to stay here. We need more community events, shops, parks and trails. I would look at keeping the pool open in Cardiff but add a splash park and WIFI. Before any of this happens we need to first look at the state of the infrastructure, particularly Cardiff and Wilberforce. The pipes underground in Cardiff have started failing and this needs to be addressed immediately. We need to protect our precious lakes, keep pesticides and phosphates out of the lakes, and we can do this by educating the public and enforcing by-laws.
- Our tax dollars are stretched to the limit, any increase in police spending will put further burden on the taxpayers and municipality. That being said, the police are a very important part of our community and it's a tough and thankless job. They put their lives at risk everyday, I know this, as I work with them as a volunteer firefighter. The issue with the OPP billing model needs further discussion to come to a resolution. We need to fully understand why there is a need for the increase and where would the money come from if an increase were to happen. The municipality may not be able to afford an increase to policing, so further discussion is needed.
- Creating new jobs in the area, continued education grants, food and clothing drives and raising money for the less fortunate through community events can help

- with the poverty in the municipality. Letting the less fortunate know there is help out there through many different groups and the municipality should make these groups readily available.
- Bringing more people to the area by making Highlands East an exciting and viable place to live and raise a family. Building in Highlands East is a major concern and needs to be addressed. With resignation of the former CBO, the building department has seen great improvement and is more proactive. The intern CBO Bill Wingrove has stepped in and is already making a positive difference. Families, new businesses and construction companies will once again want to build in Highlands East knowing it will be a positive experience. That would be one part in creating jobs in the community and growing the economy in Highlands East.
- There are many concerns I have in Highlands East: poverty, decaying infrastructure, aging septics, policing/fire service, building in Highlands East, recreation, trails, parks and garbage removal/landfills are just some of the topics that need to be discussed. However, my main concern in Highlands East is where do our tax dollars go? Are they being used efficiently and productively? I want to know exactly where my tax dollars are going as should the general public. This information should be easily and readily available to the public.
- The issue of where exactly do our tax dollars go, are they being used efficiently and productively, comes down to being transparent as a municipality and accountable. With our tax bill, I would like to see a report of where our tax dollars are going and what we have planned for the future. Keeping the public informed on what the municipality is doing or what we are looking to do with tax dollars is being transparent. Answering taxpayers questions or concerns, in a timely manner, is also being transparent. Not responding to calls or concerns is unacceptable. If we have issues within the municipality, or council, we need to accept responsibility and be accountable for decisions made or not made.
- The building department and CBO need to work with the public to be constructive, proactive. People should be excited to build or renovate a new home, cottage or business and it should be a positive experience. People shouldn't fear the CBO, their input should be welcomed. Working together with the CBO and building department, HAS to be a positive experience. The CBO and building department represent Highlands East and the people in it. Working together to make Highlands East a safe and prosperous community should be of the utmost importance.

### Name:

Suzanne Partridge

**Running for:** Councillor Ward 2

- Initially I ran for Cardiff council in 1998 because I had a desire to be more involved in my community. I continue to run for council in Highlands East because I have found it to be a rewarding experience. One of my strong qualities is long term planning, which I feel is extremely important in municipal politics. We need to think well beyond our four year term in order to serve our community to the best of our ability. I enjoy lively political discussions with my colleagues and the opportunity provided to enlighten me to other point of view and skills.
- In Highlands East we have four active community centres, four libraries, an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a curling club, a skating arena, a shuffleboard court, trails, mineral collecting sites and many lakes, complete with boat launches. I am a strong supporter of these facilities which provide many opportunities for recreation within Highlands East. I do not support an indoor swimming pool to be paid for, in whole or in part, out of the municipal tax base.
- I am most certainly not content with the changes announced to the OPP billing model. While, it is too early to assess what financial implications it will have on Highlands East and the rest of Haliburton County, it is clear that it will have a negative impact on our tax rates. We need to continue to lobby the Provincial Government and the OPP management. Never give up!
- 4 & 5 We are working diligently in Highlands East to increase tourism potential of our area. We have staked mining claims for recreational mineral collection, are actively developing multi-use trails, supporting community groups which promote geo-caching, and supporting the Plein Air Festival. In addition to the tourism initiatives, we have provided land for community gardens and contribute to a community transit system which serves many of our residents who have no other means of transportation.
- The absolute most pressing concern for us in the coming year will be policing costs. Residents who already struggle to pay bills will see an increase in property taxes. This will increase poverty in our community. Furthermore, seasonal property owners may decide the tax burden is too onerous and leave the area, further reducing income for the permanent population.
- Transparency and accountability are two of the most important aspects of performing the job of a council member. It is most important to make sure that discussions happen at the council table in a public forum prior to any decisions being made. The public needs to have the opportunity to hear arguments for and against any issue being deliberated and to have access to all of the pertinent information. As council members we need to make decisions in the best interest of the entire municipality rather than an individual or special interest group. We need to be responsive to the needs and concerns of our ratepayers and residents and keep an open mind on all issues. The discussion which precedes a vote is the essence of democracy, not the vote itself.
- Our building department is there to not only protect the municipality, but also the safety of property owners. A Chief Building Official is a statutory officer and falls under provincial regulation. A council cannot interfere with a CBO in carrying out his or her responsibilities. However, it is imsee page 17

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portant for the building department to facilitate the acquisition of building permits and make the experience as simple as possible for the home owners and contractors.



Name: Cecil Ryall

**Running for:** Councillor Ward 3

When I ran for council in 2010, I had recently moved to the Gooderham area and was not comfortable with the way that Highlands East was operating at that time. I knew that I could make a difference.

Once elected, there was a critical learning curve that included understanding provincial regulations, municipal byelaws and other rules of engagement. But, more importantly, it was getting to know four other elected alpha personalities of which three of us were newbie's. We also had a staff that had not received the cooperation and support that they needed to move the municipality forward.

Within a year, we were developing a solid business approach to managing the municipality and moving in a positive direction. Over the next three years, together, we dealt with a large number of critical issues, established new policy, revisited our planning process and learned the true meaning of both respect and cooperation.

Now, we are working on plans for stabilizing and yet growing the municipality. Although much has been done, there is much left to do over the next four years and there will be critical decisions that will have to be made. I believe that I have much to contribute and I want to be part of that process.

Highlands East is extremely fortunate in that we have two

large fully equipped community centres and two smaller ones. We have an indoor ice rink and two outdoor ones. We have a curling club and an outdoor pool. This does not include other areas for tennis, horseshoes, hiking, cycling, a growing multi-user trail system and a variety of other indoor and outdoor recreational activities.

Our challenge is encouraging people to take full advantage of our facilities. Highlands East has a large number of new and seasonal people who might not be aware of all that is available to them. We need to find volunteers who are willing and able to take part, organize and promote the activities that are near and dear to them. We have seen this happen in the Gooderham youth activities and the Wilberforce Curling Club with great success. When volunteers are encouraged to develop programmes, are supported and promoted as much as possible, good things happen.

Highlands East has an outdoor pool and we are struggling to develop programmes to keep it open. If a county year-round pool were to be constructed, it would probably be built in the Haliburton or Minden areas and the eastern part of our population would have to travel over 50 kilometers to use it. I would like to see a formal busi-

ness plan with a workable funding model that is based on fact and not on speculation.

Although the OPP costs are paid by the lower four municipalities, creating a committee at the county level was the right thing to do and they worked hard on our behalf. However, in this case, even their combined voice was not enough pressure to influence real reform and fairness. We are dealing with a majority provincial government that made the OPP decision in the first weeks of their Tuesday, September 2, 2014 • The Haliburton County Echo 17

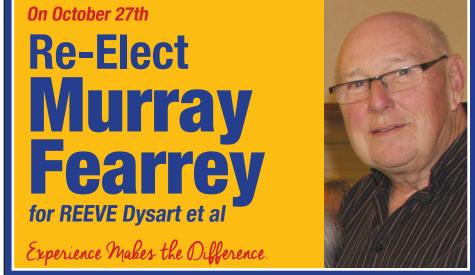
four year mandate. They also chose a multi-year implementation plan. They are betting that taxpayers will have short memories four years from now and they may be

In Highlands East, the municipality gets about half of the average residential property tax bill. That money accumulates to about \$4,500,000 per year, from which we pay our OPP charges. Our current OPP bill is around \$700,000, which could more than double over the next five years. Currently, we consider the three payment categories of education, county and municipal costs in our tax bill. Perhaps, we should show OPP costs as a fourth category so that our taxpayers can clearly see it climb.

Poverty covers a large number of conditions and can also impact both the mental and physical aspects of a person's life. I do not know how poverty can be eliminated but its impact can be improved.

There are scarce resources available to deal with poverty but agencies like SIRCH, Places for People and the food banks specialize in handling those resources. There needs to be a common county-wide strategy regarding how to assist these groups within the resource limits that we

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have. Highlands East is currently working with a food bank group to build a hub in Wilberforce. However, that hub will not only service Highlands East, it will also assist deserving people that live in neighbouring jurisdictions. This must include a common county-wide marketing strategy that provides readily available basic public education, consistent information and county-wide communication. This could be done at comparatively low municipal cost.

Growing the Highlands East economy will not only reduce poverty by providing more jobs but will lighten our residential tax burden. However, there are a number of real challenges to deal with.

To attract new businesses to this area, they must know that we exist, what we have to offer and the benefits in locating here. We are developing a municipal marketing strategy that now includes the tag line "Highlands East – Yours to Explore". We are partnering with groups to expand the range of available attractions to include: multi-purpose trails, Greens Mountain recreation, rock hounding and geo-caching. We are continuing to revisit our website and expand our presence in both the social and printed media. We must also continue to partner with organizations that businesses go to for their information. We must also develop a stronger and more interactive dialogue with the county so that we can take full advantage of what each of us has to offer.

Growing existing businesses is always a challenge where income is seasonal. Seasonal income restricts the amount of money that businesses can invest and the number of people that they can hire. They can't sell to an empty store. We believe that the more we promote and market Highlands East the more traffic will come to our area and will expand our current economic seasons.

The main concerns in Highlands East revolve around economic growth, especially how it impacts the construction industry and the current scarceness of employment opportunities. However, we have to find ways to pay for these improvements, keep our core services at their highest delivery level and yet generate a budget that produces the smallest opportunity for tax increases. In preparing the 2014 budget, our Staff developed, sharpened and used tools that allowed us to see how your money was going to bring value to the municipality and the people that live here. Last year through a provincial grant, Staff updated our critical asset list, which included what we had, its age, its current condition, its usage and its maintenance cost options. They compared our service, maintenance levels and costs with those of other municipalities that are similar in size to us. They determined how much and where municipal energy costs were being consumed. And, senior staff members meet on a regular basis to review current municipal service levels, operating costs, challenges and opportunities for improvement. Council is updated on a regular basis.

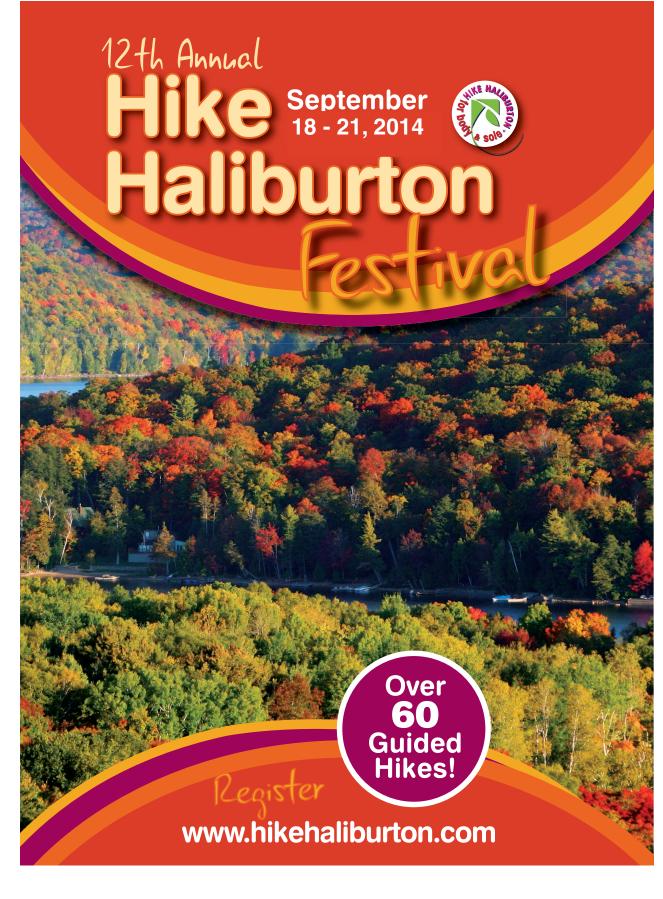
- My work background is based on continuous process improvement and I believe that it can be the key to success in any organization. It can be summarized in the following: (1) say what you are going to do; (2) do what you said that you would do; (3) prove that you did what you said you would do; (4) review and improve what you did; (5) if you don't get an acceptable result, repeat the cycle until you do. If you follow those steps, you will be transparent and accountable. Most municipalities have all the tools to make that happen, if they choose to use them. When they do not, there must be a price to be paid and it must be paid promptly and consistently. I must admit that hidden agendas can more difficult to identify and control. However, effective and consistent communication among council members and municipal staff can often make those situations extremely obvious.
- 8. Over 40% of the economy in Highlands East is directly or indirectly tied to the construction industry, its trades and suppliers. Within the last two months, we inherited the management of septic permits and our former Chief Building Officer resigned. This could have been disastrous but it was not. Our Staff was already working on several changes for improving Building Department service levels. Our former Fire Chief is a qualified building inspector and has agreed to be acting CBO until the position is permanently filled. I am a strong supporter of the direction that Staff is taking and I can see further improvements coming. Here are some current improvements.

We now have computer database and electronic payment software that is in test mode and will soon be available for public use. The database will manage new and open building permits that could go back as far as 2007. The electronic payment system will eventually be available at the municipal offices and on line.



Name:
Joan Barton
Running for:
Councillor
Ward 4

- 1. I am running again because I enjoy the job. Every week is different, there is always something new cropping up, and there is always something to learn. I have gotten some things done both as an individual and as part of the council as a whole during my first term that have given me a lot of satisfaction, like the renovation of the Lloyd Watson Centre kitchen, and the completion of the new library in Wilberforce. There are also several projects in progress (trails, mineral tourism) that I would enjoy taking forward next term.
- 2. I chair the Trails Committee in Highlands East and I see great potential for economic benefit for our community in recreational trail development. Recreational trails are also beneficial to the general health and well being of our entire community in that they provide an excellent and inexpensive opportunity to take part in various trail-based activities, At present, Highlands East is fortunate to have an outdoor municipal pool, in the hamlet of Cardiff. Long term, I believe that all of our decisions regarding capital investment in recreational facilities will depend on how well we can manage the effect of the recently announced increase in OPP billings on our municipal and county budgets.
- 3. The recent changes to the OPP billing model have placed a heavy financial burden on our entire county and all the municipalities within it. Our next council will have to start from scratch and examine every aspect of the 2015 budget in order to manage the impact of these changes. We also need to continue to pursue every avenue available to us to obtain our fair share of provincial and federal grant funding, which will be given to other areas if we don't pursue it.
- 4. (and 5) Growing our local economy and providing more jobs for people is the best thing we can do to reduce poverty in our community. In Highlands East we have listened to our community, and initiated and assisted numerous



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efforts to foster tourism and business development in the area, in co-operation with businesses, individuals and community groups. Exploration Centres were developed in partnership with our local Business Association for our major hamlets, two municipal recreational trails were developed with grant funding and opened. Links were established with regional trails organizations and we are in the process of pursuing a large recreational tourism project with the Ministry of Natural Resources, at Greens Mountain, which research shows will provide both direct and spin off local employment opportunities.

The challenge is to support and improve the well being of our community while also protecting the unique character and environment of Highlands East.

- Transparency and accountability have been greatly enhanced by the creation of the council committees in Highlands East, Each councillor chairs an advisory committee made up of citizens from the community who are truly interested in a specific issue (in my case trail development). The committees are expected to investigate options, discuss and make recommendations to council with regard to matters that fall within their mandate. This creates transparency and accountability for both the council and the community at large, in that council receives input as a matter of course from those who are knowledgeable and concerned about public affairs, and citizens have an ongoing forum where they can be included in developing ideas and identifying concerns, for consideration by council. The more we all participate in our own government, the better we will be governed. The council committees in Highlands East are a huge step forward in that regard.
- It is the job of the building department to enforce the Ontario Building Code so there is an ongoing dialogue between the department and the construction industry that will always exist. Councils have to listen to the ongoing dialogue, and take the practical steps they can from time to time to keep the system running smoothly, while continuing to protect the safety of the entire community and limit the liability of the municipality as a whole.



Name: Todd Bertram **Running for:** Councillor Ward 4

- I feel Highlands East has had limited progression over the past few years and needs a new beginning with some bigger, eager ears and with new ideas to better address the community's needs. Voices and opinions throughout the community see that alot of rate payers of Highlands East have brought forward some very valid issues that do not get dealt with in a timely fashion if at all. My experience as a Volunteer Firefighter in Highlands East since 1998 has already shown my desire to help out this community and feel that my successful business experience could be a great asset to the Township.
- We live in a four season wonderland here and many of us who live here take it for granted sometimes. We need to revitalize our community and tell others about it. I think we do well in the summer months, but more has to be done to fill the voids of the slower months. We have the potential of a great trail system that should be utilized and promoted to help out the slow times with mountain biking, hiking, ATV's and snowmobiles. I think we need to offer more to our younger generation to persuade them off the couch and onto the skating rinks, hiking trails, ball diamonds, etc. A full function community center central to Highlands East could address these needs as well as bring in people from surrounding areas. A pool at the municipal level would better serve our needs.
- The introduction of the potential OPP billing model by the current council indicated a tax increases as high as 25% in Highlands East. There hasn't been any information published in Highlands East since then, but from the information I have gathered from neighboring Municipalities is that the #'s are significantly lower than that. It

appears that the Town of Bancroft is getting hit hard on policing. Almost 5 times more than their neighboring municipalities. I feel an adjustment is due to help them out but until we know the actual \$ value, it hard to know what to do next. The information I have seen shows that out of the 207 municipalities that will be experiencing and increase, the average full phase in increase will be approximately \$83/yr.

- We need to create opportunities for those and offer incentives for others to create new opportunities of employment in our Township. Focusing on development in the area will create jobs. We need to educate and assist those on assistance to might better help themselves when possible. We need to take full advantage of grants available and seek out more. Our local food banks need to be re-visited with more resources made available to the less
- As previously mentioned, we need to create opportunities and offer incentives for others to create new opportunities of employment in our Township. We need to attract and promote development throughout our community. We have a lot of retired people here and are more and more are leaving the city to retire here in our great Township. We need to take advantage of this opportunity.
- I feel the most pressing concern in our Municipality is the value you get for your tax dollar. Most I have asked, feel they get little to no value for their tax dollar. I have compared numbers from neighboring municipalities and feel a lot of adjustments and fine tuning can be done with a fresh perspective on the Township's model. We have seasonal residents here (cottagers) that pay four or five times more in taxes than the average household and receive lesser value. Our lakes throughout our community are priceless. The excessive contribution lakefront properties bring in tax dollars should benefit toward healthier lakes. With these extra dollars, incentives and assistance needs to be available to assess and upgrade septic systems near our waterways.
- I think this is a key issue with all levels of government and one that really upsets me when I don't see it happening. I feel being open minded, honest and knowing that you are acting on behalf of your community and not yourself is a great start. Continuing to do so throughout your four year term is even more important and not just waking up at election time. We have to avoid the use of the "optional" closed session council meeting whenever possible and we have to provide and publish extremely detailed budget figures to show where the money is going and that there is absolutely nothing to hide. Everyone in our community should be given the opportunity to speak freely and they should be encouraged to do so. No email should go unanswered and every phone call should be returned. Those not on board in doing so should be recognized and reprimanded accordingly.
- Typically this is not an issue for most municipalities. Unfortunately, it has been a very relevant issue for the past six years in Highlands East. In fact, it was an issue at the past election for Highlands East not four years ago and it is still being mentioned now. A CBO's position is to enforce the Ontario Building Code according to the code of ethics set out by the Municipality they work for. Typically it's done in a proactive, unbiased, helpful and professional manner. After all, development within a community brings forth economic gain for all. If there are issues between the building department and the construction industry, it needs to be addressed in a timely fashion and not avoided as it will no doubt effect economic progress. Council should welcome those with issues to bring them forward and should work towards a resolution to enable steady progress in the building industry. Working together with the community will bring positive results.

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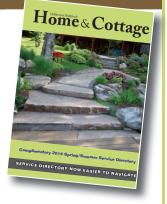
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# Ian Tamblyn to bring tunes to Haliburton

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

Ian Tamblyn has been a "card carrying musician" for the past 45 years.

A winner of many distinctions, including Juno and Canadian Folk Music awards, Tamblyn has released 36 albums in the span of his career.

"As a teenager music was a wonderful outlet for a lost soul," he wrote in an email to the Echo. "It remains that."

On Saturday, Sept. 6 Tamblyn will be bringing his eclectic style to Abbey Gardens for an afternoon of Canadian music.

Performing from 2 to 4 p.m. under the tents, the concert

Performing from 2 to 4 p.m. under the tents, the concert is admission by donation.

No stranger to the Highlands, Tamblyn was invited to

come to Abbey Gardens by Janis Parker and Barb Bolin. Tamblyn met Parker on an expedition ship, where he was

Tamblyn met Parker on an expedition ship, where he was working as a guide, he said.

He has performed around Haliburton for several years, participated at the Haliburton Folk Camp held at YMCA Camp Wanakita and worked at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Having never performed at Abbey Gardens, Tamblyn will be bringing a variety of instruments to play, depending on whatever fits in the car, he says.

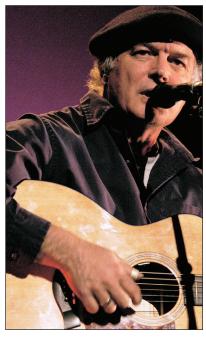
A singer-songwriter on guitar and the piano, Tamblyn says although his music is based in the folk tradition, he doesn't always adhere to the form.

"Eclectic is a word some have used," he wrote. "I have done this for a long time. It was the only thing I could do well. Paths are chosen for you as much as one might choose a path."

This spring the musician released an album titled The Labrador, featuring songs about Canada's East Coast.

Apart from music Tamblyn is an adventurer, working with an expedition company in the Arctic and Antarctic.

For more information on the performance at Abbey Gardens visit www.abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769.



lan Tamblyn has been a musician for the past 45 years, bringing an eclectic style of folk music to listeners all over Canada. Tamblyn will be performing at Abbey Gardens this Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation.

Submitted

# **DIY Masters visit SIRCH thrift warehouse**



This picture was taken at the Thrift Warehouse last week when Cabin Pressure hosts Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan stopped in for a visit. They are pictured with Gena Robertson, front left, executive director of SIRCH and Cammy George, Thrift Warehouse manager.

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Last week television personalities Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan, the stars of the Cottage Life Network's *Colin & Justin's Cabin Pressure* show visited Haliburton's Thrift Warehouse on Mallard Road on Thursday, August 21.

The self-professed masters of DIY (Do It Yourself) and thrifty Scots, Justin and Colin scoped out treasures at the Thrift Warehouse for the taping of a Spring 2015 episode of their widely followed renovation series.

The *Cabin Pressure* team fit right in at the Thrift Warehouse and the positive energy in the store was noticed by the stars, shoppers and donors alike!

Colin and Justin were impressed by the story of how the Thrift Warehouse came to be and supportive of the SIRCH (Supporting Individual Residents in the County of Haliburton)/Thrift Warehouse partnership.

They were thrilled to hear how supporting the Thrift Warehouse supports the residents of Haliburton through SIRCH's many community programs.

Since they're taping in the area, Colin and Justin assured us that we'd see them again soon...we can't wait!

To learn more about SIRCH's programs and how you can help, visit www.sirch.on.ca.

Submitted



Haliburton's Jenna Marie Wilcox said it is a dream come true to appear on the cover and in Strong Fitness Magazine. Her story appears in last week's Echo. She is thankful and credits all of her success to her mother, family and the people of Haliburton. Image provided by Strong Fitness Magazine

# **Doors Open Haliburton**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Haliburton. The celebrations continue with Doors Open Haliburton.

The Municipality of Dysart et al in conjunction with the County of Haliburton present Doors Open on September 6 and 7 for a peek inside some of our historic and architecturally interesting buildings in and throughout the township.

This is the 6th year that the county has hosted the Doors Open program. It began in Minden in 2009 for the Sesquicentennial. Since then, it has travelled around the four municipalities. This is the second time it has taken place in Dysart et al.

"We really wanted to make this year an interactive experience," says committee member Amy Brohm. "We included some of our historic sites, but also interesting places that people do not usually get a chance to visit. Doors Open is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our community, especially the stories of the people living here. We're also looking forward to visitors telling their own stories.

For details on the sites that will be open, visit the Doors Open Ontario website at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/haliburton. Visitors to the website can register and

Take Back the Night is one way to give a

"I think take back the night is very impor-

voice to raising awareness about sexual vio-

tant because sexual violence is not talked about as much as it should be. I feel like it is

more whispered about then [spoken aloud],

and that needs to change. This event is a

very good start to getting this recognized,"

the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

Show your support and help raise aware-

ness about sexual violence towards women

by coming to this year's Take Back the Night

event, the Light Your Way Walk at 7 p.m. on

Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Haliburton High-

Feir attended last year's event and wants

"I look forward to more people come out

to come out again and hopes for more peo-

this year because it is very important and

lands Secondary School's track.

should be supported within our community," she said.

Karen Basciano of the

"It's important because it

Kawartha Sexual Assault

Centre (KSAC) said this event needs everyone's support.

raises awareness around that

issue and it was great to see

lence said teenager Sydney Feir.

student said.

select their favourite sites to build their own

Doors Open visitors are also encouraged to enter the photo contest by submitting photos to a Flickr site. Information can be found on the Doors Open website.

NOTE: Some sites are open for only one of the two days. Please double check the listings to ensure that the site is open when you would like to visit.

Some of the special things people can experience:

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For more information, contact: Amy Brohm 705-754-1870 amybrohm@gmail.com



**Chad Ingram** Staff The Haliburton United Church, built in 1911, is one of the stops on the tour.



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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Monday October 6th, 2014

TIME:

Council Chambers in the Municipal Office LOCATION:

135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

### **APPLICATIONS:**

- 1. Lands of 1017546 Ontario Inc.:
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit the owners to sever one lot from their property and to recognize the proposed rural use. A 120 metre building setback is required from the EP zone boundary. A 300 metre setback for residential uses is required from the MX zone boundary. A 500 metre setback for residential uses is required from the neighbouring waste disposal site.
  - Zone change from RU1 to, RU1-xx. The EP zone and the MX zone are not changed
  - This property is the subject of application for consent H-022/14.
  - Location: Lots 11 to 14 inclusive, Concession 7 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Haliburton Lake Road near Fort Irwin).
- 2. Lands of Billings:
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit the owner to convert a single family dwelling to a
  - Zone change from RR to RR-7.
  - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Part Lots 4 and 8, Block 13, Plan 1 Geographic Township of Dysart (259 Pine Avenue).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 2nd day of September, 2014.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP Director of Planning and Development

Help take back the night **Darren Lum** last year we had lots of male allies come out Staff reporter and support us and people in the community. We're hoping to see more this year," she

> said. Every year, Basciano said, the third Thursday in September marks a Take Back the Night event in Canada.

> Haliburton is one of four locations holding a KSAC facilitated march and rally on the same night.

> The other locations are in Peterborough, Cobourg and Lindsay.

> Like last year, the rally will begin with a few words from two women and a male "ally" followed by the march on the pathway adjacent to Head Lake to the Head Lake Park Basciano said.

In 1978 Canada saw its first Take Back the Night when it was held in Vancouver, BC.

Basciano welcomes everyone to attend the evening event.

"Anybody that would love to attend we would love to have them," she said.

For more information contact Karen Basciano at kbasciano.ksac@nexicom.net or 705-748-5901



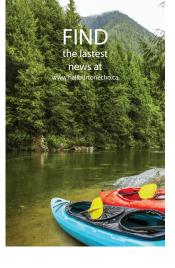
### PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS **MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

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Visit the Municipal Office at 135 Maple Avenue or call 705-457-1740 to enquire. Voters Kits will be mailed at the end of September.



# **First tennis** silver for **Haliburton**

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

After two heart attacks, nine stents in his chest, major back surgery, major shoulder surgery and major wrist surgery all within the last six years, Haliburton's Ron Miceli is happy to be able to walk let alone return with a silver medal from the Ontario 55+ Summer Games from Aug. 19 to 21.

Miceli and his friend of 50 years and tennis student Joe Komorski returned from the games in Windsor - Amherstburg with Haliburton's first-ever provincial silver medal in men's 65+ doubles event.

Being able to beat teams from much larger centres such as Ottawa East, North York and Brampton made the silver medal all the more sweeter for the 69-year-old

The silver medal is all because of my support, a humble Miceli said, explaining his Friday tennis group that meets every week at the Head Lake Park tennis courts is to credit.

"They deserve the medal not me," he said.

Art Ouellette, who has been the volunteer caretaker of the three courts for as long as most can remember, was also instrumental in Haliburton's first provincial tennis medal.

"Without him this wouldn't happen," he said. Miceli said he also owes a lot to his doubles partner Terry Fahlenbock and senior tennis champion Ken Sinclair.

'They have a private court. That's where I am on weekends. They're better than I am," he said.

Sinclair is an accomplished tennis player and has consid-



**Darren Lum** Staff

Haliburton's Ron Miceli is proud of his silver medal in tennis that he won with doubles partner Joe Komorski at the Ontario 55+ Summer Games from Aug. 19 to 21 in Windsor – Amherstburg. This is the first provincial medal won by senior Haliburton athletes. Miceli credits his Friday tennis group, coaches Terry Fahlenbock and Ken Sinclair and volunteer tennis court caretaker Art Ouellette with winning the medal.

erable experience with Tennis Canada, including an induction to the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame in the builder cat-

Miceli told the Echo he was regretful about what he thought of Haliburton tennis players when he moved here 16 years ago.

"I said they didn't know how to play tennis up here. They weren't so good and now they're great," he said. "They're the reason I'm still playing." He adds this group is why he even participated in the sen-

Two years ago he won the tournament in Haliburton and was set to go to the provincials, but a heart attack forced

Initially his doubles partner was going to be Fahlenbock, who he had earned the provincial berth with, winning district, but a fractured hip paired Miceli with his long-time friend Komorski.

"He was a last minute replacement and he worked out great," he said.

Komorski, who is a cottager in the county, and Miceli won their first four matches, but lost the final to George Najbert and Hugh Dow representing Niagara Region.

"We were fortunate to win the silver," he said. "It was tough all the way through."

Haliburton County will host the upcoming Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19.

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# Haliburton helps district win 18 medals

District 11 (Haliburton and area, including Gravenhurst) won 18 medals at the Ontario 55+ Summer Games. They sent 40 participatns to Windsor/Amherstburg from Aug 19-21. There were more than 1,100 participants representing 41 districts, who competed in 18 events at the games. With files from Doug McIntosh

### **Gold medals**

Carpet bowling - Carrol Williams and Renate Krieger. Williams also won gold in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Krieger also won gold in 2012 and 2014. 5 Pin bowling - Loretto Cummings, Ron Cummings, Jim Cummings, Lynn Bartlett and Robert McIvor (all first time gold winners). Golf men's Callaway - Jere Pike (a first time gold winner). Horseshoes - Ron Barr and David Stokes (won silver in 2012). Both won their first gold medals.

### Silver medals

Tennis - Ron Miceli and Joe Komorski earned Haliburton and District

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### its first provincial silver in tennis.

**Bronze medals** 

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Smillie, who won her first medal, is currently in Strathcona Alberta at the Canada Games competing in golf.

Horseshoes -Mary Lynne Patterson and John Prestwich. Both won silver in 2012.

Prediction walking 3km- John Kerr won bronze for the first time.











Bill Buckley Special to the Echo

Far left, Golfer Jere Pike bites his gold medal. Centre, Horsehoe throwers John Prestwich and Mary Lynne Patterson show off their new hardware, bronze medals. Above, Horseshoes players David Stokes, left, Ron Barr struck gold.

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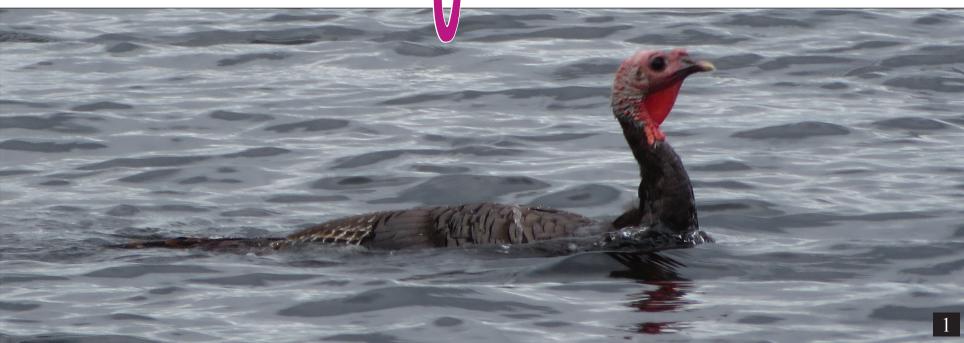
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- 2. This deer was photographed on Sunnyside Street in Haliburton. Rose
- 3. An Osprey looking after its young in nest on Haliburton Lake. Can you spot the two babies? Asks Marie Hodgson.



4. Eagle Lake cottager Helga Schuegraf took this picture from her deck of deer helping with lawn work.





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# Community centre volunteers badly needed

### **West Guilford**

**Eleanor Cooper** 

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General elections will be held at the annual general meeting at the Community Centre on Sept. 22, 7 p.m. for officers and directors for board of management. Volunteers are needed to replace people who have done years of service, one being the person in charge of bookings. Mostly the voluteers simply need to attend a monthly meeting and make appropriate phone calls or receive calls to make the business of the Centre roll along smoothly. This is easier when two or three people are on a committee rather than one person having to do one job. It's a real

shot in the arm to have several new people come to the September meeting and volunteer for even a small position.

If this doesn't happen the operation of the Centre is in danger of folding. Do we need the Centre? Do we want the Centre? Let's say yes by showing up on Sept. 22.

An added note from the Centre: chairs no longer in use are being sold for \$5 each. Call Carol at 754-2168 or Kay at 754-2464.

Bill and Edna Burden hosted a family reunion for 65 of Bill's relatives, one an 86-year-old-auntie from Newfoundland, others nearby. Pinestone accommodated some, others stayed in Minden and of course a houseful at the Burden home. All went most enjoyably for all.

Wayne Cooper and David Barker were a part of the walk-on cast of Highlands Opera Studio's production of Tosca. Oh what drama! What voices! The love story ended in murder and suicide, but held the audience spell-bound to the end when the great singers were accorded a standing ovation.

Euchre usually proceeds with the same people on Tues. nights at the Centre but for the past few weeks it has included Rod Smyth (pronounced Smith) from Australia, visiting his brother and sister in Haliburton, and a few people from Camp Medeba. Scores for Aug. 26th:

High - Ruth Fetcher and John Kerr

Low - Sandy Poulton and Gerald Hadley

Most Lone Hands - Ruby Parcells and Roslyn Kocot

Several people achieved the status of Skunked! Names noted: Barbara Brownsberger, George Milne, Kathy Freeman, and Myra Marshall who always bakes our goodies!

# Election race picking up in Highlands East

### **Wilberforce**

Hilda Clark

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Since Shakespeare's work played such a major role in the Echo's most recent outdoors column, methinks one might continue on that theme. Plays by the famous Bard of the Avon held this writer enthralled just last week. On stages in our Stratford upon Avon talented actors spoke the language of Shakespeare with ease and audiences understood. For outdoors enthusiasts wildlife is nearby with swans, a duck or two and canoes being paddled on the well named river. Both Anthony and Cleopatra enjoyed river life on and beside the Nile. Not sure how much fishing they did while creating havoc for Rome and Egypt.

There were many "spots" of "damned" great performances

as old King Lear braved the thundering elements and the many dogs among his family and former friends barked at his heels. Though our language may have changed since Shakespeare (born 1564) penned his tales, his themes still resonate today.

And of course there is still political action as in Shakespeare's  $time.\ Finally, interest\ in\ municipal\ affairs\ here\ in\ Highlands\ East$ has suddenly picked up. At least three out of four council positions are now being contested. And there's still over a week until nominations close. Would have been strange to have no candidates' meetings here on the East Side this fall.

Fall activities or plans for them are in gear. Hike Haliburton in a few weeks includes several hikes in this area. The Loop Troupe has some plans in the works, The Curling Club after a busy summer will soon be signing folks up for another season of fun. St. Margaret's ACW will host a day of worship and learning for their sister churches in this deanery. And the students and staff will be back in their halls of learning. Ah, yes September, one of our new vear beginnings.

Local RTO members (retired teachers) will meet for lunch on the first day of school to celebrate their time in and now out of school.

What a wonderful summer of music and theatre it has been right here in the Highlands. Tosca was amazing. For an opera attending novice this famous Puccini classic performed so professionally on the Northern Lights Pavillion stage was a joy. Last Thursday evening's performance was the finale in the ninth season of the Highlands Opera Studio. The mandate of Valerie Kuinka, General Director and Richard Margison, Artistic Director was as stated in program " to bring the beauty and artistry of the art form to the region but also to provide career advancement opportunities for the young, highly accomplished singers we bring to the program."

To all who were involved thank you, brava and bravo!

And the music continues with Trio '86 playing clarinet, piano and viola on Saturday September 13 at 7 p.m. at Northern Lights Pavillion. Call June at 705 457 3272 for ticket availability.

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